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# THE REFERENCES

1. Surah Al Jumuah Summary - The Last Dialogue

# THE BACKGROUND1

# NAME: الجمعة, Al-Jumu’a.

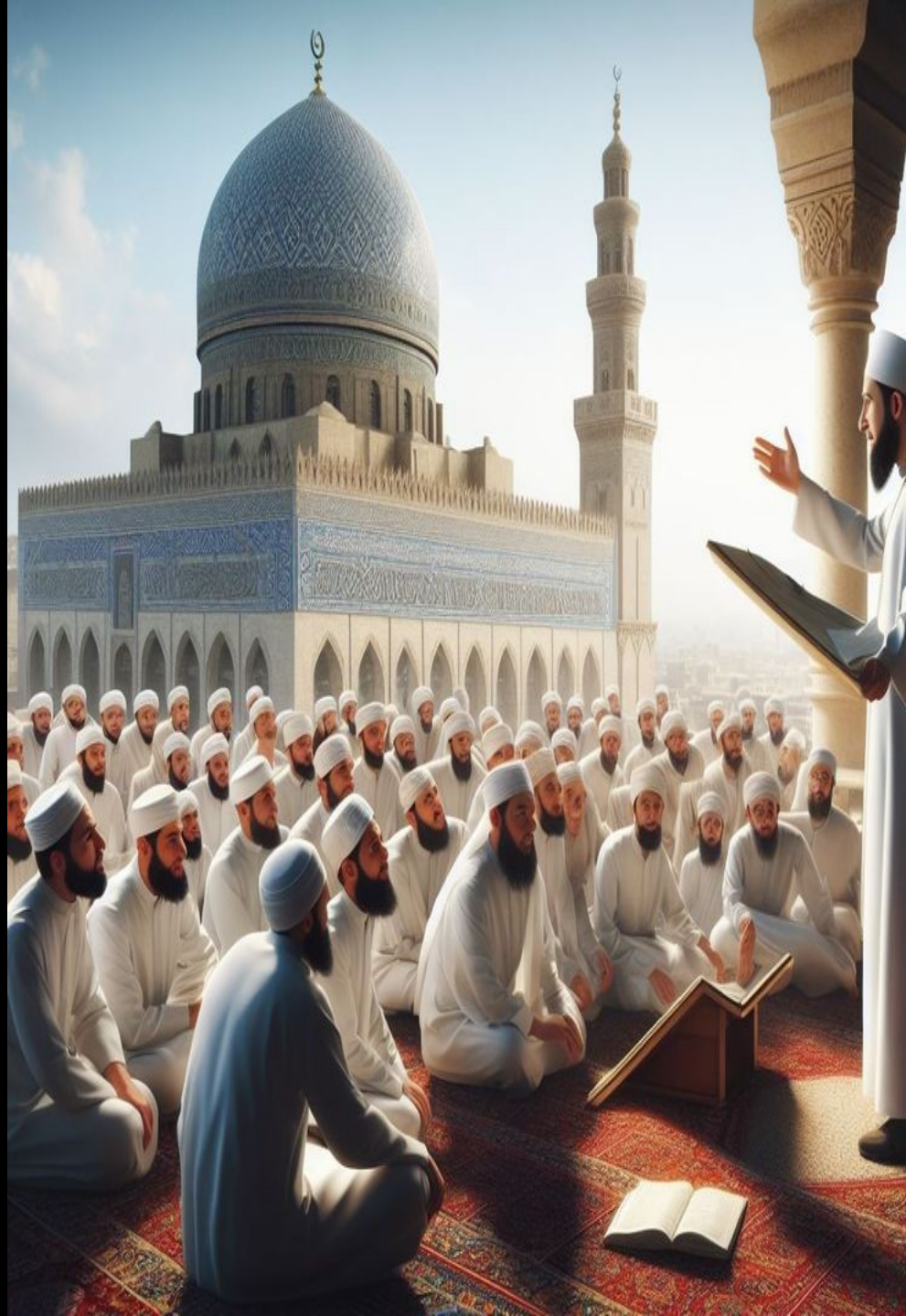
Name taken from Verse 9 where there is a mention of the word “Jumua”.

٩ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِذَا نُودِيَ لِلصَّلَاةِ مِنْ يَوْمِ الْجُمُعَةِ فَاسْعَوْا إِلَىٰ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَذَرُوا الْبَيْعَ ۚ ذَٰلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ لَكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ

9 O you who have believed, when [the adhan] is called for the prayer on the day of Jumu’ah [Friday], then proceed to the remembrance of Allah and leave trade. That is better for you, if you only knew.

But It does not mean that this name is the actual topic discussed in the whole Surah. It is just a reference and mark/symbol to distinguish this Surah from others as is with most other Surahs of Quran. While there are diversified topics discussed in these Surahs.

ENGLISH NAME: The Congregation.



This Surah is also called الْمُسَبِّحَاتِ Surah as it begins with the glorification of Allah. The collective name of الْمُسَبِّحَاتِ assigns to the following 6 Surahs Hadid, Hashr, Saff, Jumuah, Taghabun and Surah Ala.

# RELEVATION PLACE

This Surah has 11 verses divided into 2 Rukus/Sections. It takes its name from verse 9: “.... يَـا أَيُّهَا الَّـذِيَنآمَنُوا إِذَا نُـودِيَلِـلصَّلَاةِ مِنْيَـوْمِ الْـجُمُعَةِ ” (O you who have believed, when is called for the prayer on the day of Jumuah.....) where the word “الْـجُمُعَةِ” meaning Friday appears. The first eight verses of this Surah were revealed in Madina most probably just before or after the conquest of Khyber. As per authentic traditions in Bukhari, Tirmidhi and Muslim narrated by Abu Hurairah, these verses were revealed in his presence, and Abu Huraira accepted Islam after Hudaibiyah and before the conquest of Khyber. Verse 9-11 were also revealed in Madina during early days after Hijrah when Prophet had established the Mosque, daily and Friday Prayer.

# SUMMARY OF TOPICS

2-3(Muhammad Sent To Unlettered/Ummis, And To Others Of Future Generations Verse3), 5(Torah/Pentateuch And Example Of Donkey With Books), 6(Jews Test; If you claim that you are allies of Allah Then Ask For Death, If You Are Truthful), 9(Jumma/Friday Prayer/Namaz Commands), 11(Allah Remembrance Is Better Than A Business Transaction)

# BRIEF COMMENTARY & BACKGROUND

The Surah talks about the heedlessness of Israelites in obeying the commands of God and becoming too much involved in worldly matters. They were admonished of the following reasons: their refusal and denial of Prophet Muhammad only because of the reason that he came among people whom they think inferior and called them Gentiles. Secondly of not following the commandments of their own books and thirdly an admonish and a test for jews that if they claim that they are allies of Allah, then wish for death, if they should be truthful.

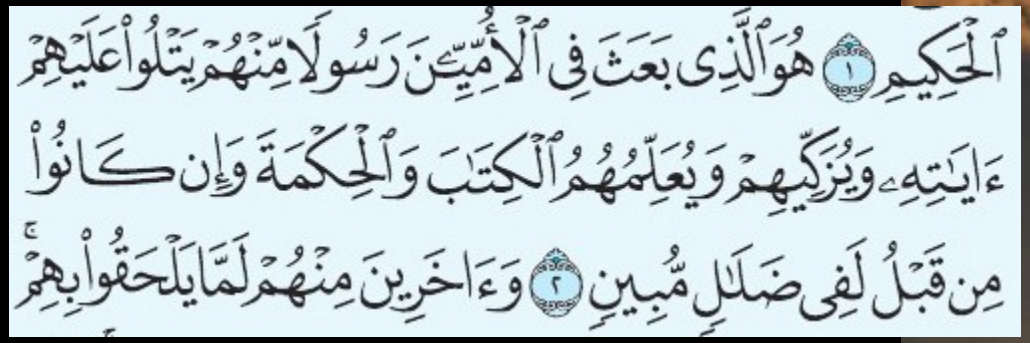
Ibn Abbas and Abu Hurairah narrated that Prophet of Allah PBUH used to recite Surat Jumuah and Surat Munafiqin during the Friday Prayer.

# THE AYAT IN DETAILS

بِسْمِ ٱللَّهِ ٱلرَّحْمَٰنِ ٱلرَّحِيمِ

يُسَبِّحُ لِلَّهِ مَا فِي ٱلسَّمَٰوَٰتِ وَمَا فِي ٱلْأَرْضِ ٱلْمَلِكِ ٱلْقُدُّوسِ ٱلْعَزِيزِ
ٱلْحَكِيمِ ﴿١﴾ هُوَ ٱلَّذِي بَعَثَ فِي ٱلْأُمِّيِّـۧنَ رَسُولًا مِّنْهُمْ يَتْلُوا۟ عَلَيْهِمْ

Whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth [constantly] glorifies Allah—the King, the Most Holy, the Almighty, the All-Wise


الْحَكِيمِ ﴿١﴾ هُوَ الَّذِي بَعَثَ فِي الْأُمِّيِّينَ رَسُولًا مِنْهُمْ يَتْلُوا عَلَيْهِمْ
آيَاتِهِ وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَإِنْ كَانُوا
مِنْ قَبْلُ لَفِي ضَلَالٍ مُبِينٍ ﴿٢﴾ وَآخَرِينَ مِنْهُمْ لَمَّا يَلْحَقُوا بِهِمْ

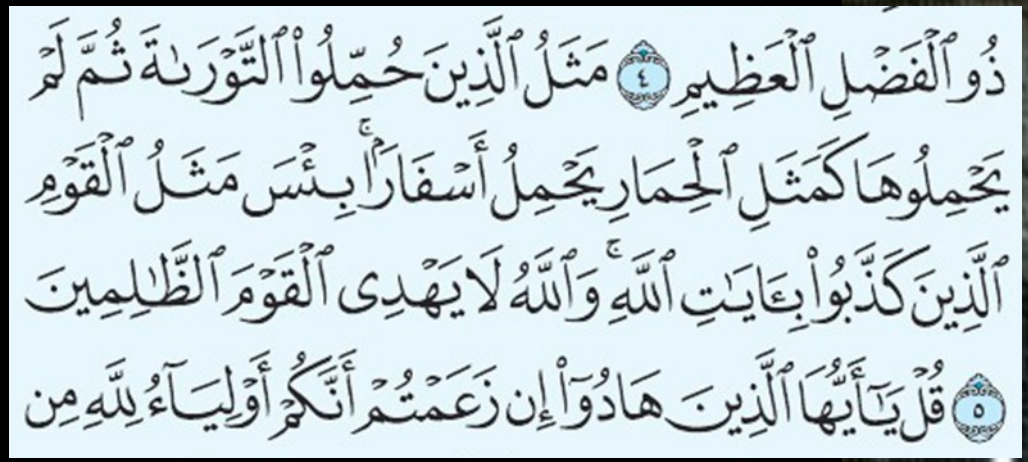
He is the One Who raised for the illiterate [people] a messenger from among themselves —reciting to them His revelations, purifying them, and teaching them the Book and wisdom, for indeed they had previously been clearly astray—

مِن قَبۡلُ لَفِي ضَلَٰلٖ مُّبِينٖ ٢ وَءَاخَرِينَ مِنۡهُمۡ لَمَّا يَلۡحَقُواْ بِهِمۡۚ
وَهُوَ ٱلۡعَزِيزُ ٱلۡحَكِيمُ ٣ ذَٰلِكَ فَضۡلُ ٱللَّهِ يُؤۡتِيهِ مَن يَشَآءُۚ وَٱللَّهُ

along with others of them who have not yet joined them [in faith]. For He is the Almighty, All-Wise.

وَهُوَ ٱلْعَزِيزُ ٱلْحَكِيمُ ﴿٣﴾ ذَٰلِكَ فَضْلُ ٱللَّهِ يُؤْتِيهِ مَن يَشَآءُ ۚ وَٱللَّهُ
ذُو ٱلْفَضْلِ ٱلْعَظِيمِ ﴿٤﴾ مَثَلُ ٱلَّذِينَ حُمِّلُوا۟ ٱلتَّوْرَىٰةَ ثُمَّ لَمْ

This is the favour of Allah. He grants it to whoever He wills. And Allah is the Lord of infinite bounty.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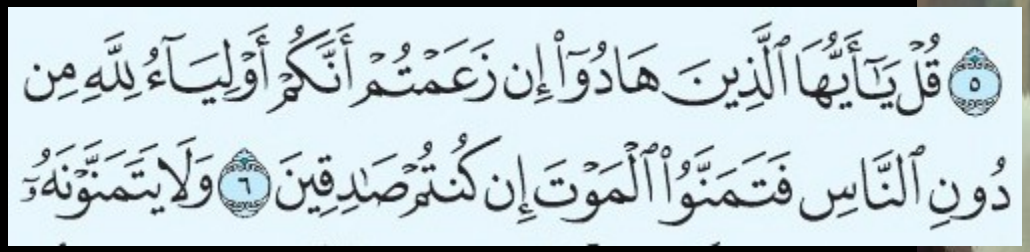
يَحْمِلُوهَا كَمَثَلِ ٱلْحِمَارِ يَحْمِلُ أَسْفَارًۢا ۚ بِئْسَ مَثَلُ ٱلْقَوْمِ
ٱلَّذِينَ كَذَّبُوا۟ بِـَٔايَٰتِ ٱللَّهِ ۚ وَٱللَّهُ لَا يَهْدِى ٱلْقَوْمَ ٱلظَّٰلِمِينَ
﴿٥﴾ قُلْ يَٰٓأَيُّهَا ٱلَّذِينَ هَادُوٓا۟ إِن زَعَمْتُمْ أَنَّكُمْ أَوْلِيَآءُ لِلَّهِ مِن

The example of those who were entrusted with observing the Torah but failed to do so, is that of a donkey carrying books.1 How evil is the example of those who reject Allah’s signs! For Allah does not guide the wrongdoing people.

Footnote - 1

Meaning, they can carry the physical burden of the books, but not understand a word of them.




Say, "O Prophet," "O Jews! If you claim to be Allah's chosen "people" out of all humanity, then wish for death, if what you say is true."

دُونِ ٱلنَّاسِ فَتَمَنَّوُا۟ ٱلْمَوْتَ إِن كُنتُمْ صَٰدِقِينَ ﴿٦﴾ وَلَا يَتَمَنَّوْنَهُۥٓ
أَبَدًۢا بِمَا قَدَّمَتْ أَيْدِيهِمْ ۗ وَٱللَّهُ عَلِيمٌۢ بِٱلظَّٰلِمِينَ ﴿٧﴾ قُلْ

But they will never wish for that because of what their hands have done.1 And Allah has perfect knowledge of the wrongdoers.

Footnote - 1

i.e., disobeying Allah, killing some of the prophets (including Zachariah and John the Baptist), claiming to have killed Jesus, accusing Mary of adultery, and dealing with usury. See 4:153-158.

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إِنَّ الْمَوْتَ الَّذِي تَفِرُّونَ مِنْهُ فَإِنَّهُ مُلَاقِيكُمْ ۖ ثُمَّ تُرَدُّونَ
إِلَىٰ عَالِمِ الْغَيْبِ وَالشَّهَادَةِ فَيُنَبِّئُكُمْ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٨﴾

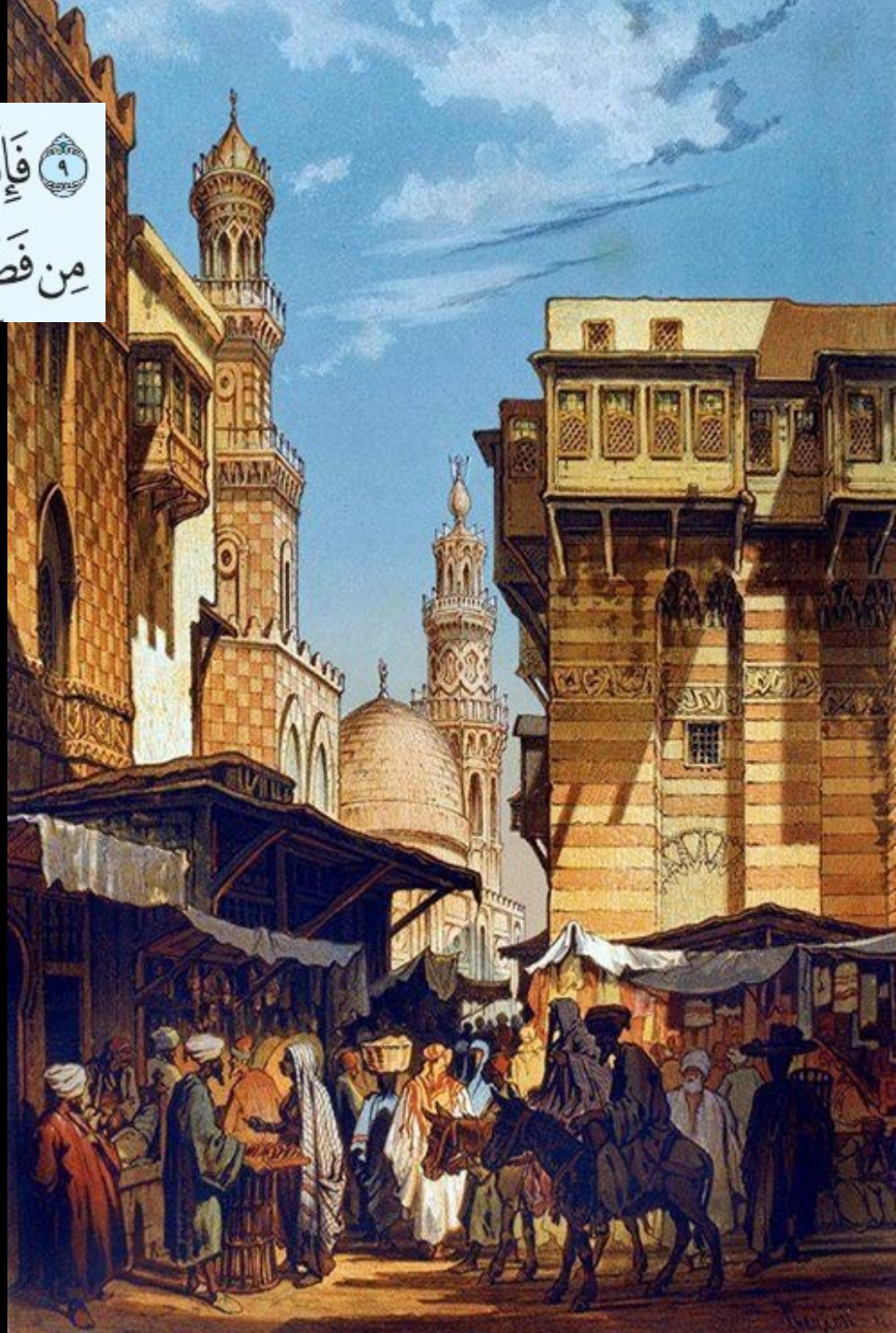
Say, “The death you are running away from will inevitably come to you. Then you will be returned to the Knower of the seen and unseen, and He will inform you of what you used to do.”

يَٰٓأَيُّهَا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوٓاْ إِذَا نُودِيَ لِلصَّلَوٰةِ مِن يَوۡمِ ٱلۡجُمُعَةِ فَٱسۡعَوۡاْ
إِلَىٰ ذِكۡرِ ٱللَّهِ وَذَرُواْ ٱلۡبَيۡعَۚ ذَٰلِكُمۡ خَيۡرٞ لَّكُمۡ إِن كُنتُمۡ تَعۡلَمُونَ
٩ فَإِذَا قُضِيَتِ ٱلصَّلَوٰةُ فَٱنتَشِرُواْ فِي ٱلۡأَرۡضِ وَٱبۡتَغُواْ

O believers! When the call to prayer is made on Friday, then proceed diligently to the remembrance of Allah and leave off your business. That is best for you, if only you knew.

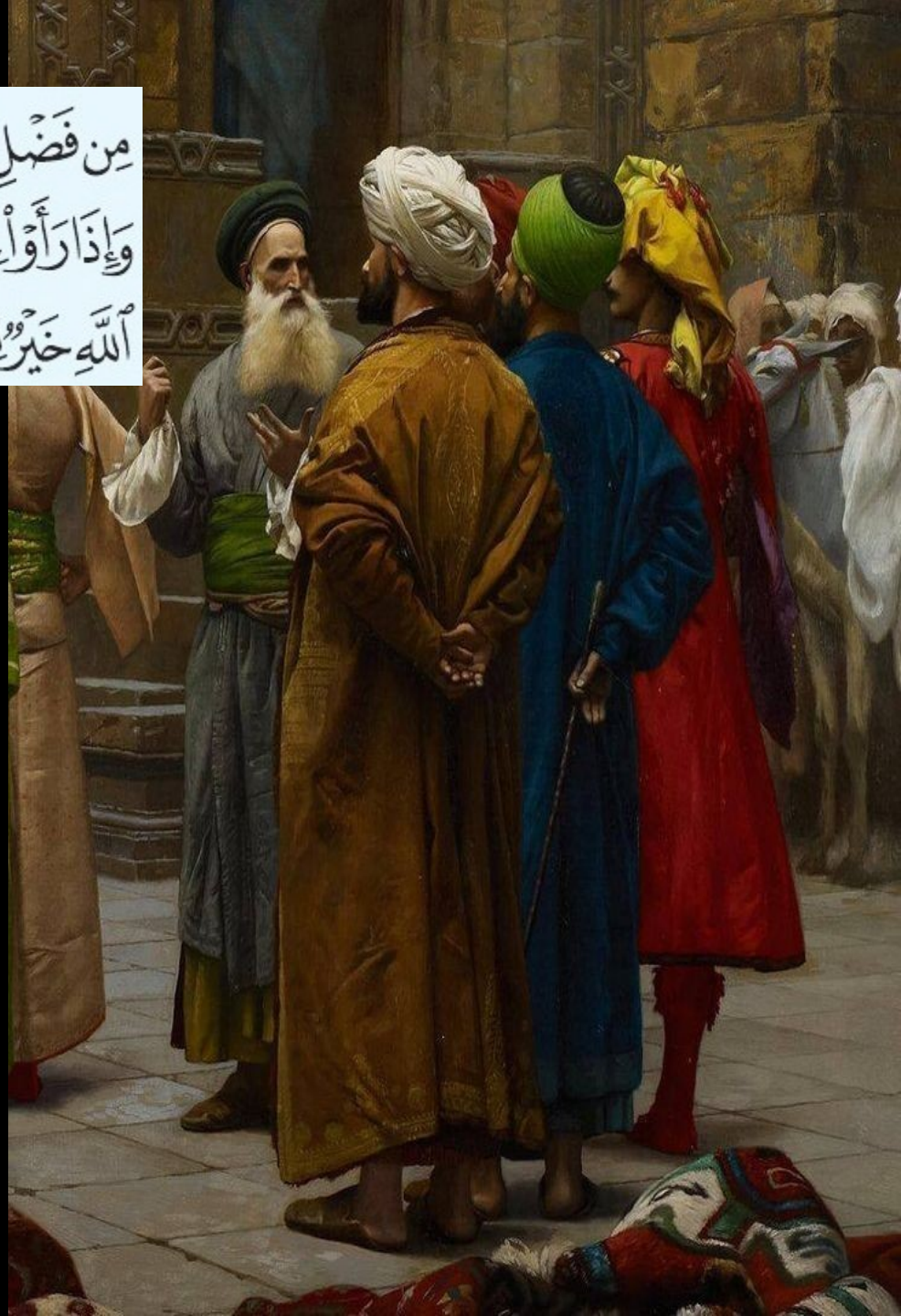
فَإِذَا قُضِيَتِ ٱلصَّلَوٰةُ فَٱنتَشِرُوا۟ فِى ٱلْأَرْضِ وَٱبْتَغُوا۟ ﴿٩﴾
مِن فَضْلِ ٱللَّهِ وَٱذْكُرُوا۟ ٱللَّهَ كَثِيرًا لَّعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ ﴿١٠﴾

Once the prayer is over, disperse throughout the land and seek the bounty of Allah. And remember Allah often so you may be successful.



مِن فَضۡلِ ٱللَّهِ وَٱذۡكُرُواْ ٱللَّهَ كَثِيرٗا لَّعَلَّكُمۡ تُفۡلِحُونَ ١٠
وَإِذَا رَأَوۡاْ تِجَٰرَةً أَوۡ لَهۡوًا ٱنفَضُّوٓاْ إِلَيۡهَا وَتَرَكُوكَ قَآئِمٗاۚ قُلۡ مَا عِندَ
ٱللَّهِ خَيۡرٞ مِّنَ ٱللَّهۡوِ وَمِنَ ٱلتِّجَٰرَةِۚ وَٱللَّهُ خَيۡرُ ٱلرَّٰزِقِينَ ١١

When they saw the fanfare along with the caravan, they almost all flocked to it, leaving you O Prophet standing on the pulpit. Say, “What is with Allah is far better than amusement and merchandise. And Allah is the Best Provider.”



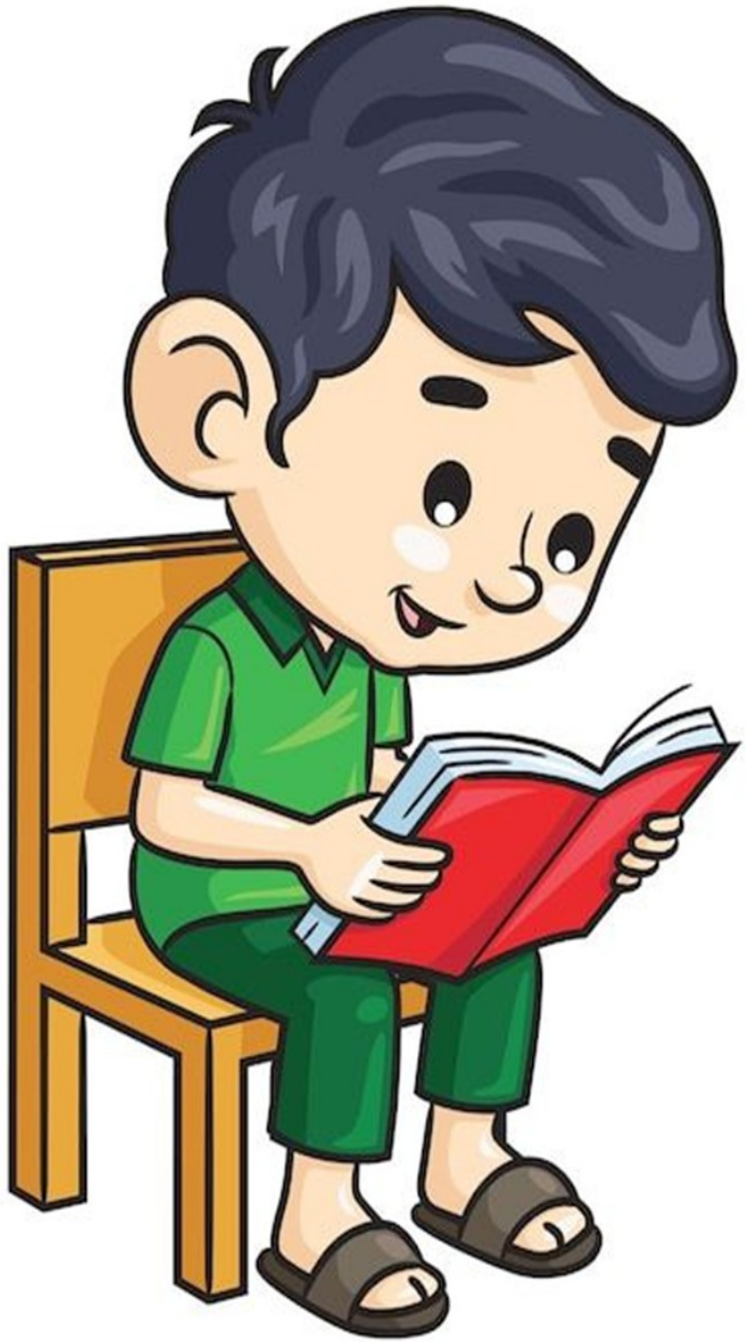
# THE EXERCISES

# Remembering (Knowledge)

1. What does the name "Al-Jumu'ah" mean?
2. Who is mentioned as being sent as a Messenger in this Surah?
3. What day is emphasized in Surah Al-Jumu'ah for gathering and worship?

# Understanding (Comprehension)

1. Why is the Prophet (peace be upon him) described as a teacher and purifier in this Surah?
2. What lesson can we learn from the comparison of the people who carry knowledge but don’t act on it?
3. Why is the call to Friday prayer (Jumu'ah) significant in the life of a Muslim?

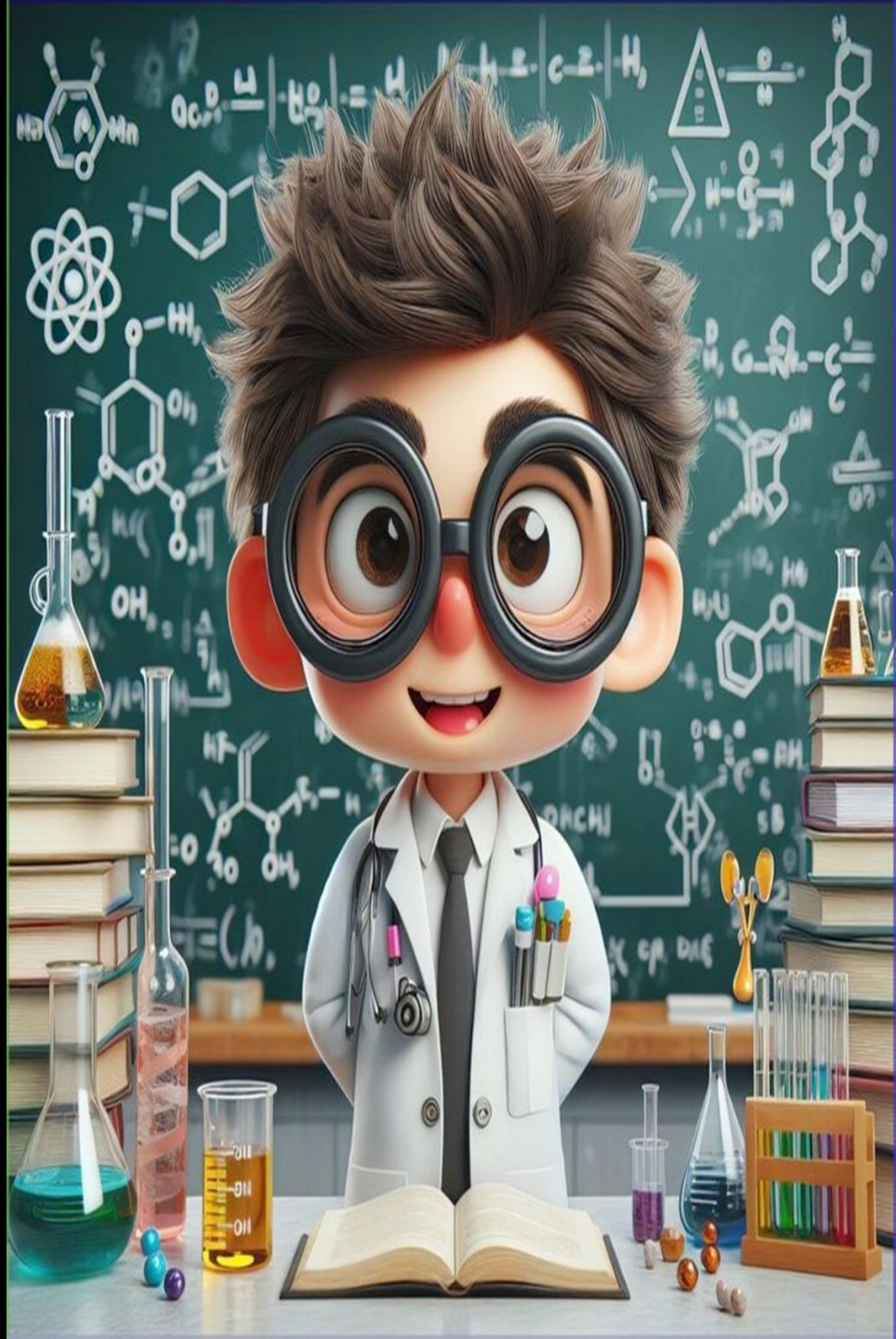


# Applying

1. How can you act on the lessons of Surah Al-Jumu'ah in your daily school life?
2. If someone is busy with work or studies during the time of Jumu'ah prayer, how can this Surah guide them?
3. How does prioritizing Jumu'ah prayer strengthen your connection with the Muslim community?

# Analyzing

1. What is the role of the Prophet (peace be upon him) in spreading knowledge as described in this Surah?
2. How does the Surah differentiate between true believers and those who ignore Allah's guidance?
3. Why does the Surah emphasize leaving worldly distractions during Jumu'ah prayer?

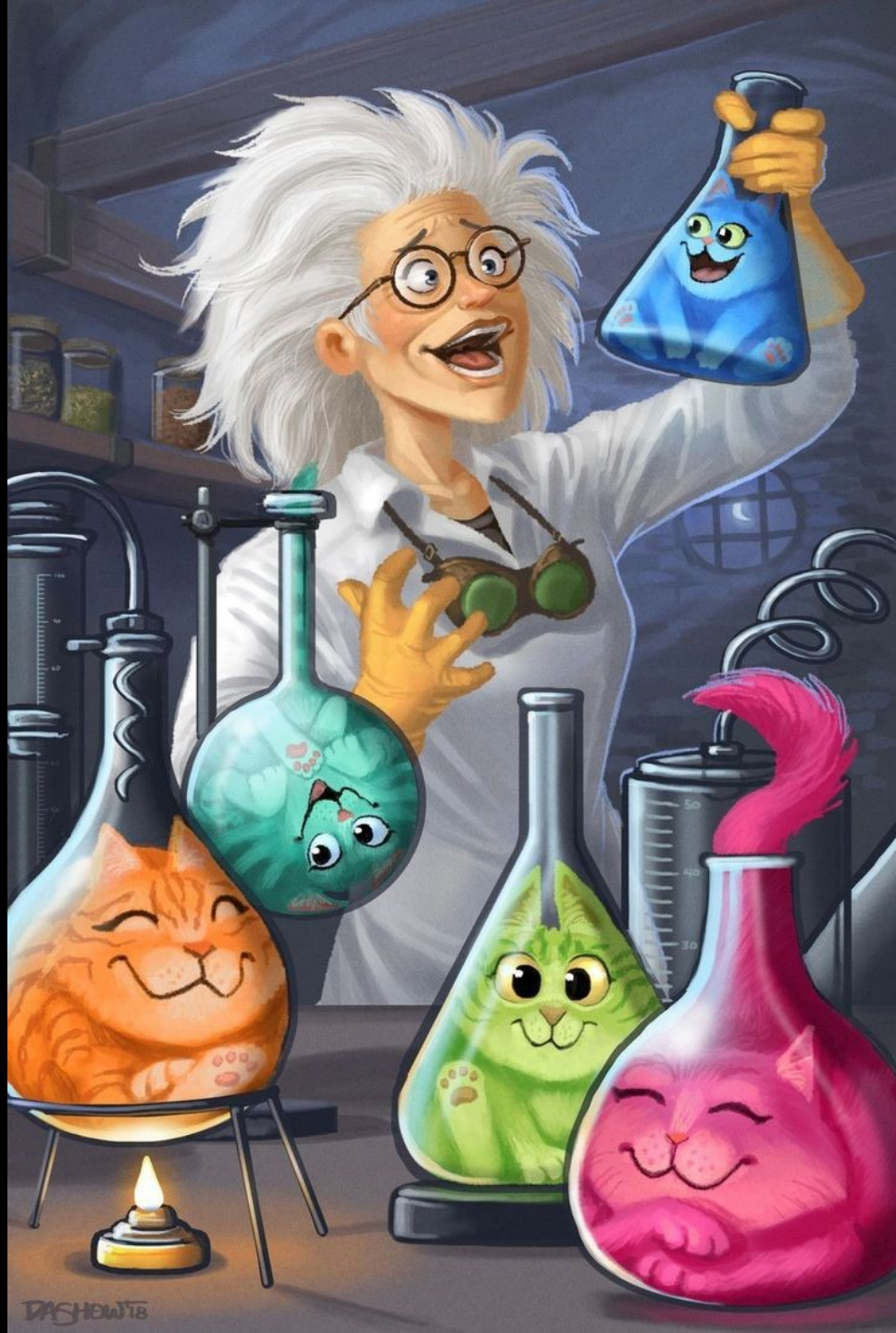


# Evaluating

1. Do you think the lessons of Surah Al-Jumu'ah are still relevant to teenagers today? Why or why not?
2. How would you rate the importance of attending Jumu'ah prayer compared to other weekly activities?
3. Is it fair to compare someone who doesn’t practice their knowledge to a donkey carrying books? Why?

# Creating

1. Write a short speech to encourage your friends to attend Jumu'ah prayer based on this Surah.
2. Create a weekly plan to help balance your studies and religious obligations, inspired by the message of this Surah.
3. Design a poster or social media post about the importance of Jumu'ah prayer, using a verse from this Surah.



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